



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : David L. Tennent
Joseph M. Whalen
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Title : Method and Feedstock for Making Silica

Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Honorable Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action designated as Paper No. 8 in the above-identified application.

Declaration of Joseph M. Whalen under 37 CFR §1.132 is attached to this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.